



General Assembly

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Amendment

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Offered by:

REP. BERNHARD, 136th Dist.

To: House Bill No. 5068

File No. 11

Cal. No. 28

***"AN ACT CONCERNING ACTIONS OF ZONING COMMISSIONS
ON PETITIONS."***

1 After line 13, add the following:

2 "Sec. 2. Section 8-12a of the general statutes is repealed and the
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

4 (a) Any municipality may, by ordinance adopted by its legislative
5 body, establish penalties for violations of zoning regulations adopted
6 under section 8-2 or by special act. The ordinance shall establish the
7 types of violations for which a citation may be issued and the amount
8 of any fine to be imposed thereby and shall specify the time period for
9 uncontested payment of fines for any alleged violation under any such
10 regulation. No fine imposed under the authority of this section may
11 exceed one hundred fifty dollars for [a single citation] each day a
12 violation continues. Any fine shall be payable to the treasurer of the
13 municipality.

14 (b) The hearing procedure for any citation issued pursuant to this

15 section shall be in accordance with section 7-152c except that no zoning
16 enforcement officer, building inspector or employee of the municipal
17 body exercising zoning authority may be appointed to be a hearing
18 officer.

19 (c) Any zoning enforcement officer who issues a citation pursuant to
20 an ordinance adopted under this section shall be liable for treble
21 damages in any civil action if the court finds that such citation was
22 issued frivolously or without probable cause."